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Spencer Coffman, 15, completed a buckthorn removal project at Kensington Runestone Park to achieve his Eagle Scout rank. His mother, Marie Coffman (left), was one of several volunteers who assisted him with the project.

Coffman completes Scout project at Kensington Runestone Park

Spencer Coffman of Farwell completed a buckthorn removal project on November 17 at Kensington Runestone Park, located 14 miles west of Alexandria.

Coffman, 15, the son of John and Marie Coffman, is a homeschool student and a member of the Lakes District Northern Lights Council Troop #420. He organized and completed the project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Buckthorn, which is classified as a highly invasive weed, appears to be a tree, but chokes out nearby plants and trees that are essential for abundant wildlife. It grows rapidly and restricts other plants from growing.

Through the project, Coffman organized a team of volunteers who removed buckthorn in a ~~quarter-mile section of the park.~~ 1 1/4